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Put up in 2-lb. packages.

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Labor War At Chicago

Police Protection Promised to Prevent Destruction of Vehicles in Funerals.

Liverymen Hope to Secure Injunction Against Interference By Union.

Grand Jury Votes Indictments Against Prominent Labor Leaders.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Ample police protection has been promised by the city officials in the livery drivers' strike. Should this prove insufficient to prevent the destruction of vehicles, Governor Yates will be petitioned for a military force large enough to secure to the people of Chicago the right to bury the dead in peace. The strikers say that men cannot be secured to drive the vehicles desired when the strike was organized.

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ORDERED DEPORTED.

British Skilled Workers Turned Back by Uncle Sam.

Washington, Dec. 23.—United States Secretary of Commerce and Labor Cortelyou has ordered the deportation of the skilled glass blowers from Stourbridge, England, who were detained at Ellis Island under the alien contract labor law.

RAILWAY CHANGE.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 23.—Announcement was made today by President Ramsay, of the Wabash railroad, of the appointment of George G. Clark as manager of the Western Maryland and the West Virginia Central & Pittsburgh railroads, with headquarters at Baltimore, to succeed A. Robertson, who on January 1st becomes general manager of the St. Louis terminals.

ROXBURGH'S WELCOME.

Duke and Duchess Receive Address From Town Council.

Dunbar, Scotland, Dec. 23.—The town council at Broxburn Park today presented an address of welcome enclosed in a silver casket, to the Duke and Duchess of Roxburgh and the tradesmen gave them a handsome clock as a wedding present. The Duke heartily thanked the representatives of the donors and expressed the gratitude of himself and the duchess for yesterday's splendid welcome.

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Day's Doings
From Nanaimo

A Singular Accident Occurs on One of the City Wharves.

Municipal Campaign is In Full Swing Amid Much Speculation.

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 23.—A singular accident occurred at one of the wharves yesterday afternoon. The driver of a delivery wagon backed his horse into an open chute running down at a steep grade towards the water. Although the vehicle had but an inch or two to spare on each side it ran straight down without stopping in the least, and so was stopped by the walls and plunged headlong into fifteen feet of water, dragging the horse with it. The unfortunate animal struggled desperately, but was held by the harness, and was drawn under by the rig, which was heavily loaded with flour. Horse and rig sank to the bottom, and it being impossible to do anything the former was drowned. The wagon was got out afterwards, its contents, of course, being destroyed.

Some little excitement was caused yesterday morning by a fire in the flue of the Vendome chimney. The hotel is situated in the Johnston block, a wooden structure, surrounded by valuable property, and itself an important building. Lawyers in upstairs offices, and business men from the stores below, poured out in a considerable state of excitement. The fire department was quickly on the spot, however, and the incipient conflagration was extinguished before any damage was done.

The municipal campaign is in full swing. In the Householders are rushing to register, and it looks as if there would be a contest in every ward, except possibly the North. The Middle Ward will have plenty of candidates to choose from, as the three sitting aldermen, Messrs. Booth, Barnes and Knutson, are going to start again, and Ald. Harris, of the South Ward, is invading it. Mr. J. A. MacDonald is another candidate. In the South Ward Aldermen Wilson and Graham will run again, and ex-Alderman Johnson, Mr. J. D. Stewart are also candidates. In the North Ward, Mr. Planta steps out to oppose them with Mayor Manson, who is nominated for his fourth term, and Ald. McGinn retires leaving Alderman Nicholson, ex-Alderman Hodgkinson and Mr. T. Hodson, who was defeated last year, as the only candidates at present in sight. As each ward return three aldermen, there will, therefore, be no contest in the North unless something happens between now and January 11th, which has been fixed as nomination day.

An examination of the municipal accounts for the year shows that it is a good thing for a city to own its waterworks after paying operating expenses and the cost of permanent work, the city treasury receives profits to the amount of nearly \$10,000, a sum more than sufficient to pay the interest and principal of the debt incurred when the works were purchased. These, however, are provided for by a special rate, and the profits go into the general revenue. This is fortunate, as last year the overdraft at the bank was \$11,000, which has this year been cut in two, and which will disappear altogether a year hence.

James A. Baker, of Slocan, whose appearance in the Colorado strike trouble seems likely to involve an interchange of notes between London and Washington, is well known in Nanaimo, where he organized the union under the Western Federation of Miners. He, it will be remembered, was the organizer who conducted the affairs of the Ladysmith and Cumberland unions during the labor troubles of last spring, and who was also one of the star witnesses in the testimony the labor commission was enabled to lay bare the extraordinary machinations of Estes and Meyer, by which a dispute on the C. P. R. was carried into the mines of this island.

**BUDGET OF NEWS
[FROM LADYSMITH]**

Incorporation Committee Completes List and Requests Owners to Come.

Ladysmith, Dec. 23.—The following notice has been distributed in this town: "The incorporation committee, having considered the list of those entitled to sign the petition, request all who have registered deeds of their property in Ladysmith to call at Captain Dillon's office to sign petition for incorporation."

A splendid athletic tournament took place in Gould's hall on Tuesday evening. The programme consisted of some excellent boxing bouts between Alf. Scuney and Geo. Hanney, C. Sipper and Geo. Grey, L. Swanson and C. Sinclair; also a wrestling contest, Geo. Grey vs. T. Swayze.

The whole thing, which was under the able management of Mr. Cariboo Sinclair, went off in splendid style.

VERDICT OF MURDER.

DesMoines, Ia., Dec. 23.—The coroner's inquest into the death of Mrs. C. W. G. Rayes, whose charred remains were found by her husband, resulted in a verdict of murder. No arrests have been made.

TEMPESTUOUS VOYAGE.

New York, Dec. 23.—The North German Lloyd steamer Kranprinz Wilhelm arrived tonight from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg, after a very tempestuous voyage of seven days and four hours. Among the passengers were Sir Louis and Lady Jette and S. S. McClure.

FRANCE AND ITALY.

Rome, Dec. 23.—M. Camille Barrere, the French ambassador, has sent a communication to the Italian government which says that the French government is now expected to sign an arbitration treaty with France and Italy on the lines of the treaty recently signed between France and Great Britain. It is understood that such a treaty will soon be signed in Paris.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quilting Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

E. & J. BURKE'S THREE STAR OLD IRISH WHISKEY

Soft mellow-flavored Whiskey produced by age and high quality

List of Dead About Forty

Further Particulars of the Disastrous Train Wreck on Baltimore & Ohio Line.

Terrible Accident Due to Breaking of Casting on Car of Bridge Timbers.

Connellsville, Pa., Dec. 23.—With a terrible crash and a grinding noise the Duquesne limited, the fastest through passenger from Pittsburgh to New York on the Baltimore & Ohio, plunged into a pile of lumber at Laurel Run, two miles west of Dawson, at 7:45 this evening; and it is estimated that fully forty lives were lost and thirty persons were injured.

The train left Pittsburgh this evening, running a few minutes late, in charge of Engineer William Thornley, of Connellsville. When passing Laurel Run, which is a fine piece of roadway, the train was running at high rate of speed. Suddenly the passengers were thrown from their seats by the lightning-like application of the air brakes, and a moment later there was a terrible crash. The train was made up of two baggage, two day coaches, one sleeping and one dining car, and was carrying at the time at the lowest estimate 150 passengers. The train glided along for a considerable distance, and the cars were torn to pieces, passengers jumping, screaming, falling from the truck as it tore along. Suddenly the engine swerved to the left and the coaches plunged down the embankment to the edge of Youngstown river.

The minute the cars stopped rolling there was a wild scene. Many passengers were pinned beneath the wreckage and the screams and cries that great the air were beyond description. Many were injured in their mad excitement and others plunged into the river. Others pinned beneath the heavy timbers, pleaded in agonized cries for release.

So terrific was the force of the wreck that nearly every passenger suffered a moment's unconsciousness, and many of the able-bodied were unable to assist the injured from the wreck on account of having fainted.

The most of the dead were foreigners, who were in the smoker, just back of the baggage car. They were literally roasted to death, the baggage and smokers telescoping the engine and immediately catching fire. Many of the bodies were burned to a crisp.

All the bodies were taken to the baggage room of the B. & O. depot to be removed later to different undertakers shops in the city. The entire population has turned out en masse to assist in caring for the living and disposing of the dead. A peculiar feature of the accident is that not a woman was seriously injured.

The wreck was caused by the breaking of the couplings on a carload of bridge timbers on the westbound freight which had passed Laurel Run not more than fifteen minutes before the ill-fated passenger train. The wreck occurred on a curve and it was impossible for Engineer Thornley to see far enough ahead to stop.

LIBERAL NOMINATED.

Hamilton, Dec. 23.—W. O. Sealy, of this city, was nominated by the Liberals yesterday for the House of Commons at the next general elections.

FATAL COLLISION.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 23.—A collision between two passenger trains on the Louisville & Nashville railroad is reported to have occurred near Newcastle, Ala., twenty miles from Birmingham. Engineer Wright was killed and several passengers were injured.

ACCUSED OF MURDER.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 23.—The grand jury indicted Mrs. Catherine Ray for murder. She is accused of having tried to kill her four-year-old niece, Marie Conning. Mrs. Ray was at once arraigned before Chief Justice Jerome and pleaded not guilty. The trial was set for January 26th and she was remanded to jail.

FAVORABLE TO DREYFUS.

Believed that the Paris Commission Will Support M. Mercier's Findings.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The Dreyfus commission today considered the report of M. Victor Mercier on evidence submitted by War Minister Andre. A decision is not expected for some days.

It is generally supposed that the commission will support M. Mercier's findings and that they are favorable to Dreyfus.

LODGES IN TROUBLE.

Connecticut Branches to Scede From Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 23.—Resolutions condemning both the grand and supreme officers of the order and recommending individual action along the line of secession were presented today to a convention of delegates of thirty-three Connecticut lodges of the Ancient Order of United Workmen with every indication of their unanimous adoption.

LORD ABINGER'S WILL.

Leaves Everything Possible to His Mother.

London, Dec. 23.—The late Lord Abinger, who died in Paris December 12th from heart disease, in his will left everything possible to his mother, the new peer, with whom the deceased was not particularly friendly, gets only the strictly entailed property, about 25,000 acres in England. Lady Abinger, the deceased peer's mother, gets the historic Inverlochy castle and the town house with its valuable collection of pictures and bric-a-brac.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—Samuel Lee, aged 30, shot and instantly killed Miss Florence Lee, aged 22, at his home here today, and then, after a brief effort to end his own life, Lee was a widower, and his sister-in-law had been his housekeeper. Today she announced her intention of marrying another man. After vainly trying to persuade her to marry him, Lee shot the woman four times, and then fired two bullets into his own breast. When neighbors broke into the house, Lee snatched up a razor, and, running into the street followed by half a dozen persons, slashed his throat.

LINCOLN'S LAW PARTNER.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.—Hiram W. Lincoln, a law partner of Abraham Lincoln from 1856 to 1861, is dead, at the age of 72, here.

MUDGY COMPLEXION.

Pale, sallow, velvet skin tells of a torpid, sluggish liver and impurities in the blood, which will be entirely removed when Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are used. This great medicine awakens the action of the liver, invigorates the kidneys and regulates the bowels. As a result digestion is improved, bodily pains disappear, and health is benefited in every way.

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Proceedings in The Will Case

Mrs. Agnew Put Through an
Exhaustive Cross-Examina-
tion Yesterday.

Application Regarding Examina-
tion of E. & N. Ry. Co.'s Books
Next Monday.

When the Supreme Court trial Hopper vs. Dunsmuir opened yesterday morning, Sir Charles Hibbert addressed his lordship, Mr. Justice Drake, regarding the matter of examination of the books of the E. & N. railway company by the plaintiffs and interveners' accountant. He said he had received a letter giving permission to make such an examination today at 11 o'clock and stated that this letter did not state any assurance that there would be any continuance of the examination allowed. He requested that this examination be made by an accountant and he named Mr. Griffiths for choice.

E. P. Davis, K. C., said that he could not see why this should be asked. Sir Charles ought to take the regular course and make an application in chambers.

Sir Charles argued that this would involve delaying this over vacation, he admitted it might have a bearing on future actions, but could hardly be construed as affecting the validity of the trial which was affected by this trial.

Sir Charles argued that for cross-examination of several of the witnesses, namely Mr. Peckay and Mr. James Dunsmuir, it was necessary to have these books examined, as otherwise his case would be prejudiced. He wished an application to be allowed before the trial judge in this matter.

This Lordship agreed to hear such an application on Monday next.

Sir Charles pointed out that this would afford very little time to make the examination before the trial reopened on Tuesday. He was agreeable to it if Mr. Davis whose cross-examination would be affected by the consultation of these books until an opportunity had been afforded his side to carry out the examination of the books.

Mr. Davis said he would give no such assurances.

This Lordship fixed Monday next as the time for the hearing of the application.

Mr. Agnew was called for cross-examination by L. P. Duff, K. C., and testified that she had known Mrs. Wallace for a long time. Prior to witness meeting Mr. Dunsmuir, Mrs. Wallace had been a frequent visitor at witness' house. Alexander Dunsmuir had his rooms at the Grand hotel. Mrs. Wallace had her rooms at the same place. Mr. Agnew knew witness' relations with Mrs. Wallace. Mrs. Wallace told witness that she expected to be married to Alexander Dunsmuir. Mrs. Wallace also told witness that the reason why Alexander Dunsmuir did not marry her at once was because he was afraid his mother would not like him off.

Witness saw Rev. Mr. Shaw, a couple of weeks before the marriage. Did so at the request of Mr. Dunsmuir and Mrs. Wallace. Witness volunteered statement of relations between them, and told Rev. Mr. Shaw that they were living together under contract to each other.

No change in friendly relations occurred between witness and Mrs. Dunsmuir after the marriage and June, 1900. Mrs. Dunsmuir did write stating she was offended at something witness had done, which witness stated was her refusal to send Mrs. Dunsmuir her measures for clothes to New York.

Witness met Mrs. Dunsmuir and Mrs. Hopper on their return from New York. At request of Mrs. Dunsmuir witness had overlooked some alterations at San Leandro. After Mrs. Dunsmuir's return witness went to hospital for three weeks. Mrs. Dunsmuir did not visit witness at the hospital. Mrs. Dunsmuir did not seem ill when witness saw her. Learned from newspapers that Mrs. Dunsmuir was ill when witness was in hospital. After coming from hospital witness went to live at San Francisco and saw Mrs. Dunsmuir once in August and three times in September, 1900. Never saw Mrs. Dunsmuir again after the last interview in September, 1900. Tried to see her once on her deathbed. Witness was not told Mrs. Dunsmuir refused to see witness, but was told that the doctor refused to allow her to see anybody. In 1900 Mrs. Dunsmuir asked witness whether she knew how many days the decorators had been at work at the old house furniture. Mrs. Dunsmuir's invitation was more on account of the decorators' bill than on account of witness misunderstanding her instructions. Witness did not consider there was any coolness exhibited by either party on account of this incident.

It was always understood between Mrs. Dunsmuir and witness that when Mrs. Dunsmuir gave married witness a ride to her visits to the San Leandro farm. This understanding was arrived at during December, 1899, with both Mrs. Wallace and Mr. Dunsmuir. They objected, and Mrs. Wallace told witness that she considered her her only friend.

Certain circumstances occurred in September, 1900, which, in witness' opinion, estranged Mrs. Dunsmuir, because when witness left Mrs. Dunsmuir, she asked her to telephone if she wanted witness. She never saw Mrs. Dunsmuir again.

Asked as to will Mrs. Wallace made it was either in the latter part of 1898 or the early part of 1899. The will was brought by Lawyer Boyd and signed by Mrs. Wallace. Witness was requested to witness this will. Mrs. Wallace had told him to read it. Alexander Dunsmuir objected to it, tore it up and threw it in the fire. Alexander Dunsmuir said he would not allow her to leave any of the property to Mrs. Hopper.

Read in the papers about Mrs. Dunsmuir's last will and that is the only information witness ever got regarding that will.

Witness considered the coolness exhibited by Mrs. Dunsmuir was partly justified and partly not.

Witness saw Alexander Dunsmuir a great many times in bed at the Grand hotel. Mrs. Wallace would tell witness that he was ill from the effect of excessive drinking. Witness never saw him intoxicated when on his feet.

Witness had never consulted Wilson & Wilson regarding this case. Consulted Mr. Bodwell, lawyer on private business, who was not legal counsel.

Witness went to Mr. Thorne's office in reply to a card from Mr. Lowe to make a statement in connection with this case. Had met Mr. Bodwell on several occasions at the Grand hotel and at San Leandro. Witness had a boy employed at the office of R. Dunsmuir

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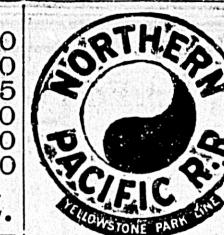
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A CANADIAN MONROE DOCUMENT.

The announcement from Ottawa that the Dominion Government is considering the advisability of opening negotiations with Newfoundland with a view to that colony entering the Confederation, is interesting. But besides this it is stated that the Government has also some idea of endeavoring to purchase Greenland from Denmark. The consummation of these two proposals—if they are really being considered by the Government at Ottawa—would bring under one government all the territory lying north of the southern boundary of the Dominion with the exception of Alaska. In both these projects Sir Wilfrid Laurier would almost certainly receive the general support of Canadians, since the policy which they indicate is one that must commend itself to every intelligent and thoughtful person. The expression of public opinion that has followed the announcement of the decision of the Alaskan Boundary Tribunal shows very clearly that Canadian opinion is strongly in favor of the consolidation of the Dominion as regards adjacent territory, and that the acquisition of any of the latter by any foreign power will be strongly resented throughout Canada by men of all political parties. It cannot but be regarded as an unfortunate circumstance for the Dominion that the Russian possessions on this continent should have been acquired by the United States, and thereby Canada has been prevented from rounding off her borders on the Pacific Ocean by territory which, from its location and natural characteristics, should properly be included in our Yukon Territory. But in the sixties little heed was given by British statesmen to what was transpiring in the remote regions of the North Pacific and Arctic circle. The Dominion of Canada was then in the future, and there was no one in this part of the Empire capable of making representations to London of the importance of Great Britain consolidating her possessions in this quarter of the globe. That little value was attached to Alaska, or any confidence felt in its commercial potentialities was demonstrated by the opposition manifested in the United States to Mr. Seward's acceptance of Russia's offer. The \$7,500,000 which was the price paid for Alaska was regarded by many persons as far in excess of the extreme value of the territory. Yet more than that has been already realized from the product of one mine, to say nothing of the receipts from other sources of wealth. It is, of course, not improbable that Russia, while willing to sell Alaska to the United States, would not have entertained any offer from Great Britain. The Crimean war had only been ended a few months, besides which there was the traditional jealousy between the two empires, the result of which was then, as it is now, to cause the rulers of the two nations to regard each other's policy with suspicion. It is, however, useless now to lament over what cannot be undone, although it is not an uninteresting speculation to consider how different the situation would be today were Alaska incorporated with the Dominion instead of being an outlying part of the United States. In such a situation disputes about the sealing fisheries and other matters that have created international complications, would not have arisen.

The recollection of these things will certainly cause Canadians to desire that every precaution should be taken to prevent anything like a repetition of them elsewhere. If Denmark should be willing to dispose of Greenland, it can only be permitted to transfer it to Canada. Any wise and farsighted policy must include this. To allow the United States or any other foreign power to establish itself on our northeast frontier would be a course that could not fail to be most inimical to our interests as a nation, and almost certain to lead to serious international complications at some future time. It is, therefore, satisfactory to see that public attention has been aroused to the importance of this matter. Great Britain has acquiesced in the Monroe Doctrine promulgated by the United States. She should, therefore, expand that policy by announcing that, as far as the French islands on the coast of Newfoundland and Greenland are concerned, they come within the scope of a Canadian Monroe Doctrine, and can pass from their present ownership to none other than that of the Dominion.

HOPE OF PEACE LESSENING.

The general tenor of the advices now being received by cable as to the situation in the Orient is unfortunately only too indicative of early warfare. Russia seemingly will not yield as regards Korea, even if permitted to retain her present status—such as it is—in Manchuria, and Japan cannot, without placing her destiny at the command of Russia, permit that power to become dominant in Korea.

Our Empire and France, so, too, the United States, are doing their utmost to prevent what would be one of the most terrible wars of modern times, but it seems as if Germany, which might give most effective aid in the matter by like action, was not doing much, if anything, to facilitate a peaceful issue. Meanwhile an Associated Press des-

patch states that the German Government, whilst still entertaining slight hopes of a peaceful solution, is convinced that if war occurs, Great Britain will inevitably take part in it, "because the British Government looks upon war as possibly the only means of saving and re-establishing British power and prestige in the Orient."

This, however, is a malicious libel upon our Imperial Government, which has lost, and is losing, no opportunity of diplomatic intervention and negotiation with a view to preserving peace.

This is but natural, for peace is, admittedly, the greatest interest of our commercial Empire, which consequently only declares for war in these days, if it is impossible to secure peace under honorable conditions.

Mr. R. L. Beaven is now resting awhile after making a veritable triumphal progress through Nova Scotia, in the course of which he addressed at different points many large and representative meetings of electors. He roused much enthusiasm everywhere and easily convinced those who heard him of his capacity for the leadership of a great party.

Mr. Denis Murphy, ex-M. P. P., is working hard for, and will probably secure, the Liberal nomination for the Yale-Cariboo division. But with a good Conservative candidate in the field—as we trust there soon will be—such nomination is quite likely to be fruitless. There are some strongly Conservative districts and a host of good Conservative voters in Yale-Cariboo.

Yet another victory has been won for Mr. Chamberlain's policy, this time at a bye-election held for the Ludlow division of the very Conservative rural county of Salop. Mr. Rowland Hunt stood as an out and out supporter of the ex-Colonial Secretary, and won by a handsome majority of 970 votes. Evidently even those in England, who are usually very slow in modifying their opinions on matters political, are convinced that it is time for a change, and a sweeping change of the national fiscal policy.

The police authorities of Vancouver have ordered out of town a large number of vagrants, to whose operations have been probably due many recent thefts and several cases of shooting by night. A great and steadily growing nuisance has thus been checked in the Terminal City, perhaps, however, at the temporary cost of neighbor districts, which some of the vagabonds will enter. They will thence, however, also be "moved on" should they show signs of intention to stay. In the end most will probably cross the line, a familiar process with many of them.

The London Times published the other day in extenso, at the request of our Province's Agent-General, a very interesting survey of the general position of Canada in relation to the United States, written by Mr. R. E. Gosnell. It takes the form of supposed interview with an American, seeking information on the subject, and brings out some excellent arguments against either the advisability or the likelihood of annexation. Mr. Gosnell's discussion of the subject also gives, as is obviously its useful intention, most valuable information to British readers, of whom through the columns of the Times there will doubtless be thousands.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

PROVINCIAL RAILWAY MATTERS. Sir.—Considerable prominence has been given during the past few days—and more particularly by the Coast newspapers—which is due to the James J. Hill railway enterprise—to an announcement made in St. Paul on Wednesday of this week, with respect to the early commencement of construction on the long-talked-of Hill road to open up the rich Similkameen.

At first glance the "announcement" in question carries with it conviction that the Hill people are determined to run in a northerly direction to Princeton, B. C., and then in a more southerly course to tidewater, is safe generally. It is not, however, British Columbia will not bind itself to this route.

Hill's road there would be a hold

up of the fact that the road in question is projected to extend north to Princeton, following the valleys of the Okanagan and the Similkameen rivers from near Wenatchee, where the Great Northern main line crosses the Columbia—to serve as a coal and ore feeder to the Great Northern railway and its associate Interests east of Spokane.

And it is also untrue, and at the same time more agreeable, for British Columbia publication to say that the prospective line will, from Princeton, "take a more southerly course to tidewater" than to disclose that at Princeton the road is designed to make an elbow, still following the Similkameen river towards its source to the south, until its headwaters all but most of those of the Spokane, which probably forms the international boundary line, to carry the coal and metalliferous ores of the Similkameen as tribute to the Everett smelter, and give the business men of that Great Northern town which J. N. Hill has undertaken to make a great city, what must be classed a virtual monopoly of the Similkameen trade.

It only requires a glance at the map, with knowledge of the fact that the proposed survey follows the Similkameen and Shuswap valleys to connect the end of the projected line with the Great Northern in the state of Washington, to explain the motive of the Hill interests in last week becoming actively interested in the purchase of \$50,000 worth of stock in the Diamond Vale Coal Company's properties at Nicola Lake in the development of the mineral wealth of the Similkameen.

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Analysis, however, disproves entirely this premature assumption, and leads to the conclusion that the Hill line will be built, not under any circumstances, except in a plan, but rather purposefully ambiguous, since its fair-sounding words but cover up a project whose possible success must be altogether dependent upon the holdswinking of the British Columbia public—for it is a project whose keynote is desolation, not development, of British Columbia.

"It was announced in St. Paul today on high authority," says the quoted portion of the "announcement" referred to, "that President James J. Hill's engineers have found a satisfactory route from Princeton to the coast, and that the Kootenay line he has had in mind for two years will be built, running in a northerly direction to Princeton, B. C., and then in a more southerly course to tidewater. The line will follow the Similkameen to Princeton. The difficulty has been in finding low grades west of Princeton."

In further elaboration of the above the following "official statement" was made to the St. Paul correspondent of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer: "The line will be an oil and coal line, and the grade of the line, Mr. Hill will not build. Such grades have been found. There are lower than those of the Canadian Pacific through the Kicking Horse pass. Mr. Hill is now in a position to go after a tremendous amount of Canadian business, for which he can afford, when the line is built, to make a lower rate than the Canadian Pacific can afford. It may be the chief of revenge in this. The Canadian Pacific once blocked a Kootenay project of Mr. Hill's in the Canadian parliament, and asked \$3,000,000 in subsidies and 2,000,000 acres of land. The project partially covered the same line Mr. Hill now intends to build. The building of this line means that Mr. Hill believes that there is traffic to support the line with the Canadian Pacific, which has been an enormous loss to this."

I am informed that this line will now be built within a year or two. The matter, as I am advised, now rests almost entirely with what the decision in the Northern Securities case is. This decision will mean the expenditure of millions in Great Northern construction of it is favorable.

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Local News.

Court Adjourned.—The County court has adjourned until January 14th. All the cases not disposed of will therefore stand over until that date.

Funeral Yesterday.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Bowes Haynes, of McEwain, took place yesterday afternoon from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Religious services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Westman.

Cowichan Elections.—The municipal elections in Duncan will take place in the middle of January. Alex. Head for reeve, in the place of John Evans, M. P., will be opposed by Horace Davis; J. W. Cannell, councilman last year, will stand again. He will be opposed by Harry Smith.

George Wrigley III.—A telegram received from Toronto yesterday states that George Wrigley, well known as editor of the Canada Farmers' Sun, Citizen and Country and the Canadian Socialist, has burst a blood vessel in his head and also suffered a stroke of paralysis in his right side. His son, G. Weston Wrigley, has been a resident of Victoria during the past year, and recently accepted the editorship of the State Tribune, at Wallace, Idaho.

Boilermakers' Meeting.—At the regular meeting of the Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders held in Labor hall on Tuesday evening last, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, J. A. McDowell; vice-president, J. Hanan; financial secretary, George Watkins; recording secretary, E. Clyde; inspector, M. Baker; guard, A. Dewsnup; trustees, J. Latham, G. Greenwood and A. Dewsnup.

Swimming Certificates.—Certificates to twenty-five boys of different schools have been issued by Ian St. Clair, physical instructor in swimming. In order to pass the boys had not only to be proficient swimmers, but were required to be well acquainted with the method of resuscitating a person apparently drowned. The latter part of the examination was undertaken by Dr. Robertson. It is the intention that these examinations shall be held at the end of each year.

Cumyow in Trouble.—W. Cumyow, an educated Chinaman well known in Victoria, is in trouble in Vancouver. In company with a man named Wilcox, of New Westminster, he was yesterday afternoon arrested at Vancouver on the charge of "holding up" a plasterer by their name of Coleman at the Golden Gate hotel. The money which was stolen was recovered. Cumyow, some ten or twelve years ago, was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for forgery, the crime having been committed in Victoria.

I. C. C. Society.—The proceeds of the I. C. C. Society, as has already been stated in these columns, has been divided between the Home for Aged and Infirm Women and the Protestant Orphans' Home. Some misunderstanding seems to exist in the minds of some of the charitably disposed as to how the money has been spent in connection with the Home for the Aged. The portion due this institution is being spent by the society in installing electric light in the Home, and not for Christmas cheer for the inmates. With those who have heretofore suggested suitable Christmas gifts to the old ladies, please note this fact, and further, that a continuation of their good services in this matter is a matter most earnestly urged and desired?

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Registration of Voters.—Registration of voters who wish to exercise the franchise under the householders' qualification is proceeding somewhat slowly at the city hall. Up to noon yesterday about 550 had qualified. There remain seven days in which this can be done, and it is urgent that those who have not qualified should visit the city assessor's office before the time expires. Last year about three thousand householders qualified at the city hall. The mayor's voters' list contained 4,435 names, which was exceptionally large. This was due to the activity of the rival candidates and their supporters who canvassed the municipality pretty thoroughly. It is hardly likely that the vote for mayor this year will be as big as in the last municipal contest, but it doubtless will be a large one.

Point Ellice Bridge.—City Engineer Topp is highly pleased with the manner in which work is proceeding at the new Point Ellice bridge. The door system is now half way across the Arm, which, in view of the fact that operations only began a week ago last Saturday, is quite gratifying to the authorities. It is the intention to grace the structure with a fine boat landing at the eastern end to which steps will descend from this approach. The bridge will have a grade of about three feet and a half. It is expected that it will be open for traffic in a month or six weeks. Work in connection with the construction of the new landing for the James Bay retaining wall is now in progress. Stone is being taken from Schi's point and conveyed to the scene of construction work, where the derrick is already in position. It is the intention to prosecute this undertaking with all possible despatch.

Every dollar purchase entitles you to one guess how many yards of Ribbon? for the Solid Gold Watch, to be given by Santa Claus on January 1, 1904. Ribbon displayed in our north window. The S. Reid Co., Limited.

Car Service.—Last evening the car service was taxed to its utmost capacity. The Willow's car, which was due to leave the city at 5.30, and got away at 6, had 87 passengers, and the cars on the other routes were equally crowded.

I. O. O. F. Meeting.—Columbia Lodge I. O. O. F. held its regular weekly meeting yesterday evening. The third degree was conferred upon a member, and after the serious business had been transacted, the remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner.

Sale Postponed.—The sale by auction of the shares in the Roberts-Kitchener mines, held by the late Hugh Grievie, was postponed by Sheriff Richards yesterday. Deceased owned 160,000 shares, but the bidding was so backward that it was decided to postpone the sale until another date.

Busy Streets.—The fine weather is having a most beneficial effect on the stores. Yesterday, after a long evening, the principal streets were thronged with a busy crowd of shoppers, and many of the stores visited showed unmistakable signs of doing a large and profitable business.

Record Season.—Should today prove as fine as the preceding days of the week, there seems to be every probability that the business done as a whole throughout the city will be a record-breaker. Many of the merchants have expressed their opinion that a better season has never before been experienced.

Married at Fernie.—E. L. Wrigglesworth, of Fernie, and Mrs. Wrigglesworth, arrived in the city on Tuesday evening from Fernie, where they were married on Wednesday last. They intend spending several weeks here. Mr. Wrigglesworth is manager for Wrigglesworth & Co., contractors for the Crown's Nest Coal Company for the coke ovens at Michel. His bride was a Miss A. B. Ferguson, a popular and accomplished young lady of Fernie.

Tourist Association.—Preparations are already being made by the Victoria Tourist Association for the work of a new year. The annual meeting of the association will be held about the end of the month, when it is understood a number of new proposals for advertising the city will be discussed. The report of the secretary, H. Cuthbert, on the work of the society during the past season will also be read. It is probable that a number of suggestions will be made by Mr. Cuthbert in reference to the steps to be taken next year for inducing tourists to visit Victoria.

Christians Tramway Service.—A reduced service will be given on Christmas Day by the tramway company. Cars will start in the morning at 9 a.m. and continue until the usual times. On Fort street a twenty-minute service will be given. Oak Bay cars will leave the corner of Yates street on the odd hour and every forty minutes thereafter; Willows' cars leave on the even hour and every forty minutes thereafter; Douglas street, Beacon Hill, Spring Ridge and outer wharf, a twenty-minute service, as usual; Esquimalt, half-hour service, cars leaving the city and Esquimalt on the hour and half hour.

Amateur Orchestra.—Attention is drawn by Dr. Cobbett, the secretary of the Amateur Orchestra Society, to the fact that it is impossible to carry on the work of the society without funds. Hence a subscription of \$2.50 and \$5.00 per annum, respectively, is to be levied from the playing members. To those subscribing the larger amount two tickets for the concerts are given. The secretary claims, and very fairly, that the tuition alone from the conductor is worth far more than such a subscription, but it is especially in view of the fact that for the present, Mr. Wattis is doing the work for no remuneration whatever. It is most earnestly hoped by the committee in charge that the subscription fee will not deter any of those invited from actively identifying themselves with the undertaking.

Presented With Medals.—Secretary George Hadill of the lately held fifth congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire has forwarded to C. P. Todd, president and F. Elworthy, secretary of the Board of Trade, H. H. Cuthbert, secretary of the Tourist Association, bronze medals accompanied by the following letter: "I am sending you a bronze medal which I cannot sell from Vancouver. Give all my hearty love, saying I hope to visit you en route to China next winter." Immediately Rev. Mr. Simmons cancelled the contract which had been made for the use of the Vancouver opera house on January 6th and 7th. He stated that in spite of the decision announced in the telegram, an effort would be made to induce Dowie to make a special trip from San Francisco to Vancouver ere he sails from the former city for Australia. It is just possible, therefore, that the cancelled addresses will yet be rearranged.

"Elijah" Dowie's Trip.—Rev. R. M. Simmons, elder of the Vancouver branch of the Christian Catholic church in Zion, has received the following telegram from John Alexander Dowie: "Owing to the uncertainty concerning the sailing of the Manila, and compelled to go via San Francisco. Deeply regret I cannot sail from Vancouver. Give all my hearty love, saying I hope to visit you en route to China next winter." Immediately Rev. Mr. Simmons cancelled the contract which had been made for the use of the Vancouver opera house on January 6th and 7th. He stated that in spite of the decision announced in the telegram, an effort would be made to induce Dowie to make a special trip from San Francisco to Vancouver ere he sails from the former city for Australia. It is just possible, therefore, that the cancelled addresses will yet be rearranged.

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The Anthracite Beds.—Frank Little, the superintendent of the Wellington Company's mines, who has recently returned from Comox, says that satisfactory progress is being made in the development of the anthracite coal beds. The extent of the body, he says, is probably about 800 or 1,000 acres. The coal averages about 4 feet in thickness also, so that there is very considerable deposit from which to draw. Sufficient work has not yet been done to allow of much coal being taken out. The quality, however, is very satisfactory, and when enough has been mined it will be put on the market. It is expected that the anthracite will find a ready market for household purposes, being free from the objectionable smoke which accompanies the softer coal. It is also well adapted for use on locomotive engines. The new field will fully develop material to affect the coal trade from Vancouver island, and will add to its present reputation in this respect.

Reduced Tourist Rate.—The Tourist Association has succeeded in getting the C. P. R. to make a special tourist rate to Victoria during the holidays. Some time ago the secretary drew the attention of the C. P. R. officials to what appeared to be a plain case of discrimination against Victoria in favor of Vancouver. This was the allowing a rate of one and one-third fare from all stations as far East as Whimberley to Vancouver for public holidays, tickets good for ten days. The perseverance of the association has at last resulted in action being taken by the C. P. R., and the reduced rate tickets will now be good right through from Whimberley to Victoria. This information is contained in the following letter from H. H. Abbott, the local agent of the company to the secretary of the association: "Dear Sirs—I beg to advise that rates have been put in between Victoria and Vancouver at the rate of fare and one-third for the round trip during the holidays, and I trust this will be satisfactory to you."

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Income Increasing.—The income of the B. C. Government Loan and Savings Co. for the three months ended November 30th amounted to \$209,621.85. This is a big increase on any similar period in the past. From present indications the officers expect that the December income will exceed the highest record made in the past.

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KODAKS

Many Orientals Are Going Home

**Large Increase in Homeward
Travel of Both Chinese and
Japanese.**

**Olympia is Due From Japan and
Miowera From Australian
Ports.**

The steamer City of Puebla, which was to have sailed for San Francisco on Christmas Day, will not leave until the day following when she will leave the ocean at 9 a.m. on Saturday. The steamer Valencia will also sail on Saturday. She goes to Skagway and Alaska ports.

The steamer Kiojin Maru, of the N. Y. K. Line, arrived at Yokohama from this port on Sunday last.

The steamer Heathdene, which was leaving at Yokohama discharging general cargo from Puget Sound, has been damaged, according to a cable received by the Merchants' Express from Yokohama. She sustained injuries to her rudder and two of her plates were cracked. She has gone on the dry dock for repairs, which will cost \$5,000.

The steamer Olympia is due from Yokohama and Chinese and Japanese ports, and the steamer Miowera from Sydney, Brisbane, Suva, and Honolulu.

The steamer Oscar arrived from the Sound yesterday.

The steamer Princess Beatrice yesterday brought a large shipment of salmon from the Fraser to be shipped at the ocean docks on the Blue Funnel liner Pelets, which is on her way from Liverpool to this port.

The steamer Orissa of the China Mail Line is on her way from San Francisco to this port, having sailed yesterday. She took 6,000 tons of cargo from Yokohama to the Golden Gate, and comes here to discharge naval stores and general cargo for Victoria merchants freight from Liverpool.

The increased Chinese travel to the Orient on account of the approach of the Chinese New Year, which occurs about two months from now, has been the chief cause of the increased shipping movement. The steamer Empress of India of the C. P. R., which sails on Monday, and the steamers Aki Mara, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line, and the big liner Shawmut of the Boston S. S. Co., which sails on Tuesday next will all have large complements of Orientals, for besides the Chinese there is a rapid increase of Japanese travel owing to the alarm felt regarding the strained vis-a-vis Russian aggression. In this connection the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says:

"The heavy proportion of Japanese to Chinese passengers is exciting comment among passenger officials. It is customary for the steamship companies to carry large lists of Chinese homeward bound after the season's work in canneries, railroad improvements and similar tasks are over and almost invariably the returning Chinese form the bulk of Japs."

"Passenger men have attempted to account for the big exodus of Japs on the ground that many who came over a few years ago have accumulated enough money to make a return trip. The steerage fare on the Oriental liners is under \$40, and this is low enough to allow almost any Oriental laborer who has been in the country for a year or two to return. To some extent the Japanese travel is accounted for by this process of reasoning."

"Chinese travel toward the Orient is always heavy during the early winter months. Many Chinese who have been employed throughout the summer and the time previous for making a trip to their homes and families who intend to return to the Orient to reside permanently defer the trip until the last chance of continuous employment is gone."

REPAIRS TO MOANA.
Naval Coffe Dam Has Been Fitted to the Hull of the Liner.

Work on the steamer Moana at the Esquimalt marine ways, is expected to commence today. The coffee dam, which has been built by the Esquimalt company for the work of repairing the steamer owing to the fact that she was unable to secure the dock as a result of the injuries to the cruiser Flora, has been fitted to the damaged stern of the liner, and yesterday the repair crew were at work pumping out the big coffee dam with the steam wrecking pumps on board the wrecker Isabel. The coffee dam is a novel contrivance, a large wooden box like the four walls of a house, only very much stronger than the ordinary house. On one side a place is cut away to fit the stern part of the steamer, and when the coffee dam was sunk at the stern of the vessel, and fitted to the liner, it was well ballasted, and then the pumps were set to work to dry it. It is expected that the dry dock will be down into the coffee dam to effect the necessary repairs to the rudder post, propeller and shooe of the liner, which were damaged as a result of striking the rocks at William Head on her arrival three weeks ago. The suction and pressure of the water against the coffee dam will keep it in position against the stern of the vessel, and while the remainder of the steamer will be moored alongside the marine slip, with the coal shifted forward to bring the steamer down by the head, the stern will dry in the coffee dam made by the Esquimalt Marine railway. It is expected that the staff will effect the repairs that are necessary to the vessel in twenty-five days, at a cost of not far short of fifteen thousand dollars.

While the Moana was lying alongside the wharf of the marine ways at Esquimalt, the doctor had a narrow escape from being severely burned, and as it was he had his whiskers badly singed. He had fallen asleep and left a spirit lamp burning. This fell over and set fire to the cabin, the interior fittings and contents being burned as a result.

A NERVOY MARINER.
How Capt. Wheeler, whose sons reside here, saved the steamer Glenalair.

The coolness with which British seamen approach the most trying crisis have been again shown by the behavior of Capt. Wheeler of the City of Cork Steam Packet Co.'s steamer Glenalair, which struck a rock off the Irish coast, went from Liverpool to Cork, and was taken in a boat by her master with the decks awash and the steamer gradually settling in the sea. Capt. Wheeler has two sons in British Columbia and vicinity, one a member of the Colonist staff, and another an accountant of the White Pass and Yukon railway at White Horse, and the story of this cool bravery and self-possession after such a strain will therefore have a lot of interest. Capt. Wheeler was below at his breakfast, when the ship struck. She was going at a rate of 13 knots an hour when she struck the rock and tore along it, causing considerable injury to the hull. She slid over into deep water, and when Capt. Wheeler ascertained the extent of the damage as soon as he came on deck, he had all the boats swung ready for lowering, and the engine limbered up of the same line, which was seen to the southward, was signalled to stand by. The Glenalair made water rapidly despite all that

could be done to stop the inrush, and Capt. Wheeler made for Queenstown to the beach of the vessel. As she proceeded to the vessel struck quite near the main deck because as he neared the harbor, As the Cork Examiner says: "It is undoubtful that Capt. Wheeler made the very most of the conditions he was called upon to face, and in bringing his vessel where he did he displayed a calmness and firmness of purpose which won for him great admiration." The Irish paper further tells of how Capt. Wheeler prevented a panic among the passengers, and aided all on board to maintain a coolness in the trying circumstances. A fact which shows how calmly the officers behaved is that the steward went among the passengers and took up the tickets when the water was level with the lower deck.

ALSTERNIE CHARTERED.
The German ship Alsterne, the large carrier, which has been lying idle in Esquimalt since her arrival from Kiao-chou after a stormy passage some weeks ago, has been chartered to load lumber on W. R. Grace's account. The ship, the SS. Forteviot, which had been lying in the harbor since she discharged the cargo of salts brought from Europe was towed to the Sound by the tug Lorne to load lumber. There are now fewer sailing vessels en route to British Columbia ports than has been known for years. Outside of the two leaders, the Esquimalt and the Alsterne, there are but a few carriers in ballast en route. The round-the-world steam freighters and the great decline in the rates for sailing vessels have caused the falling off in the number of vessels en route, but, if the crisis is not averted in the Far East and war results, the charters of the Far East will follow. The ships which sail will be followed by those which will result in assisting the freight market to approach its former condition.

THE WEATHER.
Metropolitan Office, Victoria, Dec. 23.—8 p. m.

SYNOPSIS.

The light, intermittent rain mentioned yesterday still hovers over the Pacific Slope, where it is causing fair weather except in Cariboo, where it is snowing. The winds are light to moderate on the entire coast. From the Rockies eastward to Manitoba the weather is mild.

TEMPERATURE.
Victoria Min. 37 Max. 47
New Westminster 38 42
Kamloops 23 34
Kamloops 24 30
Calgary 12 38
Winnipeg 18 18
Portland, Ore. 38 38
San Francisco 46 66

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time)

Victoria and Vicinity: Light or moderate winds, generally fair, stationary or lower temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, generally fair and moderately cold.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23, 1903.

Dog. Dog. Dog.

5 a.m. 40 Mean. 42
Noon. 44 Highest. 46
5 p.m. 44 Lowest. 37

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. Calm.

Noon. 2 miles southeast.

5 p.m. 2 miles east.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Sunshine—12 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed. 30.52
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ing taken even at the present day. The presence of garnets in these schists in large quantity is a distinguishing feature in both the new White Horse placer district and Cariboo country. The same character of schist also occurs frequently as the bedrock of creeks which yielded rich returns in placer gold in Georgia, Alabama and other southern states, where it was discovered as early as 1827 and furnished all the gold used in the United States until the California discoveries in 1848 caused the almost entire abandonment of the southern mines.

CLIMBED THE WALL.

Alden Davidson, who was arrested by the detectives on warrant from Vancouver charging him with being implicated in a recent robbery which occurred at the Terminal City, escaped from the city lock-up at 7:30 yesterday morning. He was in the yard of the lock-up, a small cement floored yard surrounded by high walls at the back of the civic prison when he was missed. Investigation by the jailer showed that he had secured a ladder and a plank which had been left in the yard by a trustee who had used them for the purpose of washing windows. With the assistance of the ladder and the plank the prisoner had climbed the top of the high wall and made his way over the surrounding buildings which form part of the city hall block. No trace of him has since been found. The police are searching for him. The escaped prisoner, who has been in the city for some days past living in a room on Douglas street and consort with idle characters, is a young man, and seemed to have no occupation. In this connection he told those who associated with him that he "did not have to work as his people sent him money and they were well off." He is a man about five feet ten inches in height, and is smooth shaven and has a fair complexion.

TROOPS RACING ACROSS CANADA

R. G. A. Being Hurried Across the Continent as Military Experiment.

Much interest is being felt amongst the officers and men of the garrison at Work Point in the experiment now being made, after the manner described in the Colonist, in racing the draft across the continent to relieve No. 19 company, which leaves on Monday by the R. M. S. Empress of India for Hong Kong. For some time past the Imperial authorities have been in the habit of moving the garrisons on about the seven seas, so that each garrison will girdle the Empire, and incidentally the world, before arriving home again, and this time has arrived in a new draft to go to Halifax. No. 18 company, R. G. A., will come to Work Point. Advantage has this time been taken of the change in the garrisons to try the experiment now on of racing the troops across Canada by the Canadian Pacific and the government railway in the maritime provinces against time. The train will run through Canadian territory throughout. Attached to the train are cars in which hammocks have been slung for the accommodation of the artillerymen, the idea being to test this mode of travel so that in the event of war freight cars could quickly make ready in this way for the transport of troops without having to wait until colonist cars could be secured.

The company which is retiring from Work Point is busily engaged in preparing for the departure, and on Monday next they will be ready to march away to the ocean dock, where the embarkation will take place on the steamer Empress of India, in which quarters are being made for the forces, in fact the liner will, more or less, resemble a trooper ship for this voyage to the British settlement in China.

With regard to Bullion creek, he confirms the stories of other prospectors as to the results from panning on discovery claim at the hole from which Smith and partners took out 40 ounces of coarse gold. He describes the creek as having every appearance of yielding good returns if properly worked, and being an excellent poor man's proposition, because the door to the bedrock is evidently shallow. Schist, he says, is the prevailing bedrock, but "in places on the creek the laminae formed by the schistosity will be found to have acted as a riffler and consequently held the gold."

In conversing about the district Mr. Belney impresses his hearers quite favorably, because he expresses conservative views and also has made such intelligent observations with regard to the formations and general character of the country.

From his description of the schist bedrock so common in the district, the writer judges that it bears a strong similarity to the Cariboo schists which prevailed on the creeks from which the millions of placer gold produced by the Cariboo country in British Columbia were mined from 1854, and pay is be-

The Christmas Meat Markets

Great Displays at all the Principal City Butcher Shops.

They Report the Season's Trade the Best in Many Years.

One of the finest meat market displays in Victoria is that at Messrs. R. Porter & Sons' establishment, next the postoffice. Round the sides are hung sides and quarters of beef in most imposing array, dressed carcasses of sheep, fat hogs and haunches of veal, in fact everything to raise Christmas strength in the mind of the epicure. There is also a fine show of turkeys. One of the sights is a huge beef hung up in the middle of the store, the familiar proportions of the carcass exciting much comment. At Messrs. Porter's other store on Douglas street, an almost equally good show is given, but there the inroads of admiring customers have already reduced the exhibit materially. Still it is a show worth a visit.

B. C. MARKET COMPANY.

Excellent taste has been shown in dressing the fine store at the corner of Government and Yates streets occupied by the British Columbia Market Company. The display of prime beefs, all skilfully dressed and decorated, of juicy muttons and prize hogs is second to none in town. The staff who were responsible for decorating the store, Christians deserve all praise on the result of their efforts. The company is doing a splendid Christmas trade, better in fact than for some seasons past.

L. GOODACRE & SONS.

Thousands have flocked to admire the grand show at Goodacre's store, corner of Government and Johnson streets. Not for many years has anything so fine been seen here in meat market decoration. The collection of first-class beef, mutton and pork, and poultry, including domestic and imported turkeys, is really splendid. Evergreen boughs and colored paper have been used with great taste in heightening the effect presented by the meats. The firm is doing a great Christmas trade, and it is probable that by closing time to-night there will be very little of the fine stock left.

THE PEOPLE'S STORE.

The crowds of people continually passing in and out of this already popular store are an indication of the bargains that are to be had in nearly all kinds of dry goods and haberdashery.

Conspicuous in one of the windows is a large and most beautiful doll, which is to be given away to some lucky little lady and accounts for the hosts of the little lady folks to be seen each day in front of the window.

JAMES MAYNARD.

Among the many beautiful show windows in the city those of James Maynard's boot and shoe store, Old Fellow's Jack, Douglas street, takes no second place. His fine display in all kinds of boots, shoes and slippers, appropriate for holiday gifts, unexcelled, and well worth seeing. The success made in his business would be a sufficient guarantee of his ability to enter honestly to the needs of the public. When climbing up the golden stairs a nice pair of Maynard's golden slippers would considerably accelerate your ascension. Call and see his show windows.

CAMPBELL'S.

Every description of high-class wear for ladies is to be found displayed either in the windows or inside Campbell's well-known dry goods house on Fort street, opposite the Five Sisters' block. Some very fetching evening wear effects are shown in the windows, and others suitable for the festive season. The firm is enjoying a very fine trade.

CLAYTON'S.

For fine jewelry and nick-nacks Clayton's jewelry store on Fort street deserves special mention. The stock is large, well-selected and varied, and the prices are equal to any in the city for reasonableness. Mr. Clayton has built up a fine business by pleasing his customers, and that is why his store is so well patronized at the Christmas season.

CLAY'S.

Good things to eat are to be found in plenty at Victoria's famous pastry-cook's, Clay's, on Fort street. The quality of the goods supplied at that popular establishment is too well known to call for notice here. Clay's is not only one of the great afternoon tea rendezvous of the city, but headquarters for much of the Christmas shopping. The windows are very handsomely dressed for the occasion.

FELL'S.

At the corner of Broad and Fort streets will be found Fell's grocery store, where they purvey all sorts of nice things for the Christmas table. The windows at Fell's are very prettily dressed with high-class articles, holly and other seasonal decorations, and present a most attractive appearance to the passer-by. The firm, as usual, is exceedingly busy with its generous share of the city's Christmas trade.

LONDON & VANCOUVER.

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W. G. CAMERON.

The popular Johnson street clothing store is doing a rushing Christmas trade, thanks to a specially selected stock and special prices. Always a favorite store with the dressy young men, Cameron's is now doubly so. Consequently there should be a good many well-dressed youths and men in Victoria on Christmas day.

ARTHUR HOLMES.

Men's and boys' wear in every style can be found at Mr. Arthur Holmes, corner of Broad and Yates. For the Christmas trade his windows have been very gaily and appropriately dressed, in a manner to attract plenty of custom. Mr. Holmes is a popular caterer to the Victoria public, and is enjoying a very fine Christmas trade.

LANCASTER CLOTHING STORE.

One of the most attractive clothing stores is that of I. Lancaster, of 23 Johnson street, opposite Store street, who recently returned from the East after having made extensive purchases for Christmas, consisting of men's and boys' clothing, neckwear, shirts, slippers, etc. This store is in a position to sell high-grade goods at special low prices on account of taking advantage of special discounts by paying spot cash.

It would certainly pay you to visit this popular store and see what you can save by purchasing your Christmas present there.

THE PRETTIEST STORE.

That's the way a Victoria woman spoke of the Westside the other day, and added: "I have visited many of the nice stores in Canada, both East and West, but must confess that for artistic, lovely things reasonably priced, the Westside fills a spot for Victorians as few, if any, of the establishments I have visited in cities three and four times as large. A particularly lovely spot is the ground floor with its beautiful Christmas decorations of electric lights and evergreens." Thank you! The Westside hear words of that kind every day, and they appreciate them. Their patrons are showing their appreciation by the generous trading they are doing just now in Christmas novelties.

JOHN COCHRANE.

For a really fine display of elegant novelties in pottery, soups, brushes and other articles carried by high-class drug stores a visit should be paid to Mr. John Cochran's establishment, corner of Yates and Douglas. Mr. Cochran has made a special effort this season of decorating his windows, and he has been eminently successful. The display must be ranked as one of finest this season.

MRS. BICKFORD.

The ladies are flocking to see the fine display in Mrs. Bickford's windows, Fort street. It is a most attractive window, and gives one a good idea of the immense range of beautiful articles contained in the store itself. Mrs. Bickford is doing a splendid Christmas trade this season.

MRS. W. H. ADAMS.

At 78 Douglas street Mrs. W. H. Adams is making a very fascinating display of cushion tops, stamped linens and other articles peculiarly suitable for the season's trade. Many good suggestions for Christmas gifts may be found by paying a visit to Mrs. Adams' store.

HALL & CO.

Another fine drugstore window display is that of Messrs. Hall & Co., Clarence block, at the corner of Yates and Douglas streets. They have certainly made the windows a pleasant sight for all passers-by, and no doubt such enterprise is its own reward in turning many a Christmas purchaser in to get present there.

WTLY'S.

This is one of the big depots that bulk largely in young Victoria's happy dreams about this time of the year. Willy's is always full up to the times with all the Christmas novelties, and ready with a huge stock to meet the heavy demands made upon them.

R. A. BROWN.

An old-timer himself, Mr. Brown, the noted hardware merchant of Douglas street, near Yates, knows what is wanted at this time of the year by the Victoria public, and has prepared a regular harvest of good things exactly suited to the Christmas present trade. His windows are very creditably dressed, and the samples of stock are such as to cause a very brisk trade. Mr. Brown is doing a rushing business this season.

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